



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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For: Apparatus for Coupling Intravenous Infusion Units with Mobile Transport Vehicles

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REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 21, 2006, please amend the captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 - 10.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A coupling apparatus for the temporary attachment of a mobile medical apparatus, said mobile medical apparatus having a vertical pole or standard attached to a wheeled or castered base, to a personal mobile transport vehicle ~~such as a wheelchair, hospital bed or mobile stretcher~~, said coupling apparatus comprising:

a support means adapted to be secured to one side of said personal mobile transport vehicle; ~~said support means comprising a mounting arm having a cylindrical post member vertically mounted at the distal end of said mounting arm;~~

an elongated arm member pivotally coupled to said support means, wherein said arm member comprises a cradle means at its distal end for receiving and releaseably holding the vertical pole or standard of said mobile medical apparatus, and wherein said arm member is pivotable within a horizontal plane from a collapsed or storage position alongside said mobile transport vehicle to one or more working or deployed positions about said mobile transport vehicle; said elongated arm member further comprising a cylindrical sleeve member at its proximal end, said sleeve member having one or more holes positioned around the circumference of said sleeve member for slidably and pivotally engaging the cylindrical post member of the mounting arm of said support means; said elongated arm member further comprising an elongated strap means attached at one end to said arm member for securing and stabilizing medical equipment or lines which may be attached to, or which may emanate from, said mobile medical apparatus; said elongated strap means being provided with hook and loop material for securing and stabilizing said medical equipment or lines; and,

means for locking the position of said elongated arm member as said arm member is pivoted through said horizontal plane to said one or more working or deployed positions with respect to said mobile transport vehicle; said means for locking the position of said elongated arm member comprising a spring-loaded lock pin operably attached to said cylindrical post member of said support means for lockably engaging the holes of said sleeve member of said arm member as said arm member is pivoted about said cylindrical post member of said support means.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

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5. (Cancelled)

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